Their eyes of fire sparkling through sights of steel[6],
And the loud trumpet blowing them together:
Then, then, when there was nothing could have
staid
My father from the breast of Bolingbroke,
O/when the king did throw his warder down,
His own life hung upon the staff he threw:
Then threw he down himself; and all their lives,
That, by indictment, and by dint of sword,
Have since miscarried under Bolingbroke.

WEST. You speak, lord Mowbray, now you know
not what:
The earl of Hereford[7] was reputed then
In England the most valiant gentleman;
Who knows, on whom fortune would then have
smil'd ?
But, if your father had been victor there,
He ne'er had borne it out of Coventry:
For all the country, in a general voice,
Cried hate upon him; and all their prayers, and
love,
Were set *on* Hereford, whom they doted on,
And bless'd, and grac'd indeed, more than tttiQ
king[8].
But this is mere digression from my purpose.—•
Here come I from our princely general,
To know your griefs; to tell you from his grace,
That he will give you audience: and wherein

6 — SIGHTS of steel,] i. e. the perforated part of their jheW mets, through which they could see to direct their aim. *Visiere*, Fr. SIEEVEJNTS.

7 The EARL of Hereford—] This is a mistake of our author's. He was *Duke* of Hereford. See King Richard II. MALONE.

* And bless'd, and grac'd INDEED, more than the king.] The two oldest folios, (wliich first gave us this speech of Westmore-land,) read this line thus:

c* And bless'd and grac'd *and did* more than

the king."
Dr. Thirlby reformed the text very near to the traces of the corrupted reading-